



Lower 9th Ward Drinking Water

Residents of the Lower 9th Ward of the city of New Orleans (the portion of zip code 70117 that is east of the Industrial Canal to the St. Bernard Parish line) **should not drink, cook, brush teeth or bathe with their tap water.** This area is under a boil water order from the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Residents can disinfect their water using one of the following methods.

- Boil water for one full minute in a clean container. The one-minute boil time begins after the water has been brought to a rolling boil. *Please be careful with hot water! Protect yourself and others from scalding. Keep hot water away from children.*
- If the water is clear, mix 1/8 teaspoon of unscented, liquid chlorine laundry bleach with one gallon of water and let it stand for at least 30 minutes prior to consumption. If the water is cloudy or colored, use 1/4 teaspoon per gallon of water. Be sure to mix thoroughly.

For additional safety, officials recommend residents **use bottled water** for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth and bathing until water pressure in the lines returns to normal.

Exposure to microorganisms in unsafe water can make people sick. The microorganisms may cause serious health problems, including diarrhea and dehydration.

For more information, please call the
Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans at
504-52-WATER
(504-529-2837)
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